Mr. D. Kongadiappa.—

Is Dodballapur included among "other towns" mentioned in the reply ?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

MR. V. R. CHIKKACHENNANJAPPA SETTY (Kolar Municipality).—

Q.—31. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Whether it is possible to bring into force in the State the system of recruitment to services as is in vogue in the Madras Presidency ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—31. No change in the system of recruitment is contemplated.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that the Madras Government have fixed the definite proportions in which the several communities should receive representation in Government service?

Third Member of Council.—

Government have seen newspaper reports about certain orders passed in the matter.

Mr M. C Linge Gowda.—

Have they ascertained the particulars from the Madras and the Bombay Governments?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Instead of having the departments as units, will it not be better to have each office as a unit?

Third Member of Council.—

That may be the member's own opinion.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

A consolidated report showing the progress made in the matter of recruitment to service from the time of the orders on the Miller Committee's report up-to-date had been promised to us. Is the report ready?

Third Member of Council.—

It is under preparation.

Mr. H C. Dasappa —

When it is ready, will it be published and also placed before this House for an expression of its opinion?

Third Member of Council.—

After the report is ready, we will see if it could be done.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

May I know the action so far taken to give representation to the backward classes so far as the posts of District and Taluk Sheristedars are concerned?

Third Member of Council.—

Proposals have been received from the Revenue Commissioner and orders will be passed on them as soon as possible, say, early next official year.

Another Member.—

If there is long delay in giving 75 per cent representation to the backward communities, will not the forward community steal a march over them in the meanwhile?

Third Member of Council.—

Three-fourths of the number of vacancies will be offered to candidates from backward communities, the rest being open to all communities. That principle will be followed till the backward communities get at least 50 per cent representation.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya —

Has it not come to the notice of the Government that in many departments, the vacancies arising from time to time are not made known to the Recruitment Board at all, persons in the favour of appointing authorities being brought in and the vacancies shown as temporary from time to time?

Third Member of Council.—

That is not generally done. And suitable action is taken in any stray cases that come to notice.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

What objections are there to adopt the Madras rule in our State also?

Third Member of Council.—

We are not adopting everything that is done in Madras. Different provinces and countries may have different systems.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Has the chief object of the existing rules of recruitment been achieved?

Third Member of Council.—

Some more time is necessary for that.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Why not appoint a committee for each district to dispose of vacancies arising therein?

Third Member of Council.—

I cannot give an answer to that suggestion off-hand.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

What action have the Government taken in cases where officers have violated the orders of Government?

Third Member of Council.—

I cannot tell you that now. It depends upon the circumstances of each case.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Are the Government aware that in the Madras Presidency all the communities have agreed to the recent rules of recruitment there?

Third Member of Council.—

No; on the contrary, I understand that all the communities have not agreed to it.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

If we show that the Madras rules are better, will the Government be pleased to adopt them?

Third Member of Council.—

If a proposition to that effect is brought up, Government will consider it on the merits.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

Do the Government believe that the rules in force in Mysore are the best?

Third Member of Council.—

The member may draw his own inferences.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

Is there no chance of adopting the Madras rules here?

Third Member of Council.—

There is nothing to prevent us from doing it. But the question has not so far been considered.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

What steps have the Government taken regarding the appointment of a Staff Selection Board?

Third Member of Council.—

We are considering some aspects of it.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda.—

When will final orders be passed?

Third Member of Council.—

It will take some time.

Mr. Mahomed Sait.—

What are the objections against the appointment of committees for each district?

Third Member of Council.—

Personally I am very doubtful whether a thing like that will be possible.

Mr. Mahomed Sait.—

Why not the Secretary to the Recruitment Board publish figures showing the total number of vacancies, appointments, etc., every now and then?

Third Member of Council.—

That will not help you very much.

DISCUSSIONS ON THE BUDGET.—(*Resumed.*)

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty said that though the Budget estimates showed a surplus of Rs. 56,000, there was really a deficit for the following reasons:—

(1) No contributions have been made to the Reserve Funds.

(2) Credit had been taken for the reduction of Rs. 10½ lakhs in the Subsidy.

(3) The balances at the credit of Reserve Funds had been utilized although the Dewan had definitely stated in the previous year that Reserve Funds would not be touched to balance budget.

If the above items were deducted, the budget would have been one of heavy deficit.

The Financial Secretary's Memorandum did not say anything about the present position of the Reserves. From this, the speaker concluded that the Reserves had been completely wiped out.

Again, the proposal to float another loan next year had caused considerable anxiety in the public mind.

The Iron Works were no doubt an important industry and were a pride to the State. But all the money spent on them so far had not brought any profits whatever; on the other hand, large sums were written off from time to time. They could not even provide for depreciation and it was time that Government made up their mind not to make any further capital grants to these Works. They must be made to pay their own way.

The Administration was top-heavy and establishment charges were steadily increasing. The Departments of Survey and Settlements and Public Instruction had been given too many Gazetted Assistants Drastic retrenchments were urgently called for and it would be desirable to appoint a committee with a non-official majority, to recommend suitable measures in this direction.